AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the <u>*SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION*</u> *as follows:*

The present invention, in one embodiment, provides for an electronic appliance having an input/output device, wherein the appliance comprises: a display displaying a selected set of input characters, a wrist band connected to the display for securing it to the wrist of a user, and a flexible assembly operatively connected to the display, wherein the flexible assembly has a set of character keys located thereon. In this embodiment, each of the character keys are associated with an individual character of the selected set of input characters and at least one control key, and the selected set of input characters comprises a single row of characters from a set of keyboard rows. Further, in this embodiment, the actuation of any of the characters keys causes the character associated with the actuated key to be input into said device and actuation of the control key causes the currently selected set of input characters to be changed to a different set of input characters. Also, in this embodiment, the flexible assembly is pivotal from a position where the assembly extends substantially along and underneath the wristband to a position substantially perpendicular to said wristband.

The present invention, in another embodiment, provides for a portable phone including a housing having top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of side surfaces connecting said top and bottom surfaces and a reduced set character entry system, wherein the portable phone comprises: a display located on said top surface and an input assembly operatively connected to the portable phone. In this embodiment, the input assembly is externally attachable to the portable phone, and

the input assembly has a set of character keys located thereon, with each of the character keys being associated with an individual character of a selected set of input characters, and the selected set comprises a single row of characters from a set of keyboard rows and at least one control key. In this embodiment, the actuation of any of the characters keys causes the character associated with said actuated key to be input into the device and the actuation of the control key causes the currently selected set of input characters to be changed to a different set of input characters.

The present invention, in another embodiment, provides an electronic appliance including a housing having top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces and a reduced set character entry system, wherein the electronic appliance comprises: a first set of input keys and at least one selection key. In this embodiment, the first set of input keys are located on any of the side surfaces, with the set of input keys arranged in a single row, and each of the input keys associated with an individual character of a first subset of a set of input characters, and the set of input characters comprises a row from a set of keyboard rows, wherein the actuation of any of the input keys causes the character associated with the actuated input key to be input to said electronic appliance. In this embodiment, the at least one selection key is located on any of said side surfaces, wherein actuation of the selection key changes the first subset to a second subset so that each of the input keys is associated with an individual character of the second subset. In this embodiment, the input keys and the selection key are located on different ones of the side surfaces.

The present invention, in another embodiment, provides for an electronic appliance including a housing having top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces and a reduced set character entry system, wherein the electronic appliance comprises: a first set of input keys located on any of said side surfaces, at least one selection key located on any of the side surfaces, and a display located on said top surface. In this embodiment, the first set of input keys are arranged in a single row, with each of the input keys being associated with an individual character of a first subset of a set of input characters, and the set of input characters comprises a row from a set of keyboard rows, wherein an actuation of any of the input keys causes the character associated with the actuated input key to be input to the electronic appliance. In this embodiment, the actuation of the selection key changes the first subset to a second subset so that each of said input keys is associated with an individual character of the second subset. Further, in this embodiment, information displayed on the display is rotatable to be in an orientation appropriate for viewing by a user utilizing said input keys.

The present invention, in another embodiment, provides for an electronic appliance including a housing having top and bottom surfaces and a plurality of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces and a reduced set character entry system, wherein the electronic appliance comprises: a first set of input keys located on any of the side surfaces and at least one selection key located on any of said side surfaces. In this embodiment, the set of input keys are arranged in a single row, with each of the input keys being associated with an individual character of a first subset of a set of input characters, and the set of input characters comprises a row from a set of keyboard rows, and actuation of any of the input keys causing the character associated with the actuated input key to be input to the electronic appliance. In this